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SUBJECT: FY-04 U.S. SPEAKER EVALUATION-CRS ANALYST PAUL
GALLIS

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY: IN 11 PROGRAMS OVER
FOUR DAYS (APRIL 28-30 AND MAY 3, 2004), U.S. SPEAKER
AND NATO EXPERT PAUL GALLIS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL
RESEARCH SERVICE EXPLAINED U.S. CONGRESSIONAL VIEWS ON
NATO AND NATO EXPANSION, ENCOURAGED THE CONTINUATION OF
CROATIAN DEFENSE REFORMS, AND ENCOURAGED CROATIANS TO
CONDUCT A PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AS THE COUNTRY
MOVES CLOSER TO JOINING NATO. GALLIS ALSO MET WITH
CROATIA'S NATO COORDINATOR, ADDRESSED A JOINT MEETING
OF THE PARLIAMENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES OF THE
U.S. - ADRIATIC CHARTER AND, AT A LUNCH HOSTED BY
AMBASSADOR FRANK, KICKED-OFF PA ZAGREB'S NATO TOUR FOR
NEW CROATIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS.

2. DATE, FISCAL YEAR, QUARTER: APRIL 27-MAY 4 2004; FY-
04; SECOND-THIRD QUARTER.

3. JUSTIFICATION AND OBJECTIVE: CROATIA IS EAGER TO
BECOME A MEMBER OF NATO AND IS CURRENTLY IMPLEMENTING A
SERIES OF DEFENSE REFORMS. PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE ABOUT NATO,
HOWEVER, IS LIMITED. POST HAD TWO MAIN OBJECTIVES FOR
THIS SPEAKER PROGRAM: 1) TO KICK-OFF OUR NATO TOUR, MAY
3-7, WHICH INCLUDED NEW MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FROM THE
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEES; 2) TO
ENGAGE A VARIETY OF AUDIENCES ON NATO AND U.S.
CONGRESSIONAL ISSUES.

4. MPP STRATEGIC GOAL AND AUDIENCE REACHED: MPP GOAL:
REGIONAL STABILITY. AUDIENCES INCLUDED CROATIAN
MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE
MINISTRY OFFICIALS, ACADEMICS, STUDENTS, JOURNALISTS
AND THINK-TANKERS. IN ADDITION, GALLIS ENGAGED MEMBERS
OF THE MACEDONIAN AND ALBANIAN PARLIAMENTS IN THE
PARLIAMENTARY MEETING OF THE ADRIATIC CHARTER, HOSTED
BY THE CROATIAN PARLIAMENT MAY 3-4.

5. RESULT/IMPACT: EXCELLENT. GALLIS'S THOROUGH
KNOWLEDGE OF NATO AND OF THE U.S. CONGRESS MADE HIM AN
ENORMOUS HIT WITH ALL OF HIS AUDIENCES, FROM UNIVERSITY
CLASSES TO DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICIALS, FROM JOURNALISTS
TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVES. IN
EVERY MEETING, GALLIS REVIEWED CONGRESSIONAL VIEWS OF
NATO AND CURRENT NATO ISSUES. WHEN ASKED ABOUT U.S.
VIEWS OF CROATIA ENTERING NATO, HE EMPHASIZED THE
IMPORTANCE OF CROATIA'S WORKING ON THE REFUGEE RETURN
ISSUE AND DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SEE INDICTED WAR
CRIMINAL GENERAL GOTOVINA TURNED OVER TO ICTY. IN
ADDITION, GALLIS FIELDDED A WIDE-RANGE OF QUESTIONS FROM
OVER 100 LAW AND POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS AND
PROFESSORS KNOWN FOR THEIR CRITICAL ATTITUDE TOWARDS
U.S. FOREIGN POLICIES. FINALLY, HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY
GLOBUS MAGAZINE, ONE OF TWO MAJOR NEWSWEEKLIES IN
CROATIA.

WE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF GALLIS' PRESENCE IN ZAGREB DURING
THE FIRST-EVER MEETING OF THE CHAIRS OF THE ADRIATIC
CHARTER PARLIAMENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES. GALLIS
BRIEFED MEMBERS OF THE CROATIAN, ALBANIAN AND
MACEDONIAN PARLIAMENTS ON HOW THE U.S. CONGRESS VIEWS
THE NATO EXPANSION PROCESS.

6. NON-USG SOURCES OF IN-COUNTRY FUNDING: NONE

7. QUALITY AND SUPPORT OF IIP OFFICES INVOLVED: POST
MADE THE MAJORITY OF ARRANGEMENTS DIRECTLY WITH GALLIS.

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